

Virginia 2008 Farm Bill Conservation Programs



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Program	Eligible Land	Eligible Practices	Agreement Length	Easements	Standard Payment	Incentive Payments	Contact Agency
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP and CREP)	highly erodible cropland planted 4 of last 6 years, marginal pastureland	watering troughs, pipelines, fencing, tree planting, field borders, plus many more	10-15 years	CREP only, limited to \$500/acre	50% federal C/S + \$200/acre from the state + 40% practice incentive payment	annual rental payments, signing payment and practice installment payment	FSA, NRCS
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	private land in agricultural production: cropland, grassland, pastureland, and non-industrial forest land	cropland erosion control, nutrient management, forest management, animal waste management, grazing land practices, wildlife habitat	1-10 years	N/A	practice installation payment	some practice incentive payments for up to 3 years	NRCS
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	private land that is not currently enrolled in CRP, WRP, or any similar USDA program	field borders, hedgerows, warm season grasses, prescribed burning, firebreaks, wildlife habitat, plus many more	5-10 years	N/A	practice installation payment	N/A	NRCS
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	private wetlands converted to agricultural use before 1985 - must be restorable, and suitable for wildlife benefits	wetland restoration or enhancement with dikes, tree planting, habitat management plus many more	10 yr cost/share contract, 30 years or perpetual easement options	one-time payment	up to 100% practice installation payment	N/A	NRCS
Chesapeake Bay Initiative (CBI)	agricultural producers within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	riparian buffers, livestock exclusion, nutrient management, cover crops, no-till	1-10 years	N/A	practice installation payment	some practice incentive payments for up to 3 years	NRCS

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